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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON NOVEMBER 13, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 13, 2003, please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/0886, \$196.00 for one new independent claim and a one month extension of time, and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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